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SUBJECT: DIRECTORSHIP OF UN INFORMATION AND RESEARCH
CENTER ON TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES (TNES)

REF: (A) SANDERS/ELLIS TELCON, MARCH 5 (B) OTTAWA 668
(NOTAL)

1. IN CONTRAST TO INFORMATION GIVEN MISSION THAT JUAN
SOMAVIA, ISI FOIGHHEL AND ENRICO ZANELLI (ITALY) ARE ONLY
PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN FORMALLY PUT FORWARD AS CANDI-
DATES FOR DIRECTORSHIP OF THE INFORMATION CENTER, DEPART-
MENT HAS RECEIVED REPORT THAT YERASIMOS ARSENIS OF GREECE
AND POSSIBLY OTHERS ARE ALSO CANDIDATES. ARSENIS'
NAME WAS REPORTEDLY PUT FORWARD TO SEC GEN WALDHEIM BY GREEK
AMBASSADOR, BOTH ORALLY AND IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE. FURTHER,
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ARSENIS IS SAID TO HAVE INDIA'S AND YUGOSLAVIA'S

SUPPORT. DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO RECEIVED INDICATIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE MENTIONED IN REF B THAT SEC GEN IS LIKELY TO MAKE DECISION ON THIS APPOINTMENT IN VERY NEAR FUTURE, PERHAPS BEFORE LEAVING FOR LIMA AT END OF THIS WEEK.

2. IN VIEW OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD NO LONGER DELAY MAKING CLEAR OUR SUPPORT FOR A SPECIFIC CANDIDATE OTHER THAN SOMAVIA. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION IS REQUESTED TO REITERATE TO THE SEC GEN OUR OPPOSITION TO SOMAVIA AND EXPRESS OUR STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF

FOIGHEL. MISSION SHOULD ALSO COOPERATE WITH DANES IN ATTEMPTING TO GET PROMPT SUPPORT FOR FOIGHEL AMONG WEO AND OTHER DELEGATIONS.

3. AT SAME TIME MISSION SHOULD ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT ARSENIS IS, IN FACT, A FORMAL CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTORSHIP.

IF ARSENIS IS A CANDIDATE, MISSION SHOULD INDICATE TO SEC GEN AND OTHER DELS THAT WHILE FOIGHEL IS OUR FIRST CHOICE, ARSENIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO USG, AS WOULD BE ZANELLI. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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